In the Claims:

Please amend claims 2-4, 7, 9, 14-17, 21 and 22 to change the status identifiers as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently amended): A handheld fish catching device ~~for catching fish~~ comprising:

a handle and a body wherein the body is a tube having a solid side wall, unitary construction, a first end and an opposing second end, the first end defining a first ~~an~~ opening having a first diameter that is slightly larger than a width of a fish and enables the a fish to enter the tube and to be removed from the tube, the second end including a fixed end wall constructed to prevent the fish from exiting or being removed from the second end of the tube, the fixed end wall defining a single, second opening having a second diameter, the second diameter being less than the first diameter and less than the width of the fish to prevent the fish from exiting through the second opening, wherein the handle is non-rotatably connected to the body along an outer surface of the body.

Claim 2 (Currently amended): The fish catching device ~~for catching fish~~ according to claim 1, wherein the second end has a plurality of openings through ~~at least one opening though~~ which water flows.

Claim 3 (Currently amended): The fish catching device ~~for catching fish~~ according to claim 1, wherein the body is made of plastic.

Claim 4 (Currently amended): The fish catching device for catching fish according to claim 3, wherein the plastic is opaque.

Claim 5-6 (Cancelled)

Claim 7 (Currently amended): The fish catching device ~~for catching fish~~ according to claim 1, wherein the handle and body are made of plastic.

Claim 8 (Cancelled).

Claim 9 (Currently amended): The fish catching device ~~for catching fish~~ according to claim 1, wherein the handle has non-slip features.

Claim 10 (Currently amended): A ~~The~~ handheld fish catching device ~~for catching fish~~ comprising:

a handle with a slip resistant surface, said handle including a first end and a second end, said first end defining an opening, said second end being distally located from the first end and including an end wall, said handle being non-rotatably connected

to an outer surface of a body of unitary construction having a first end and a second end, the body defining a solid outer wall and a solid inner wall, the inner wall being generally smooth and forming a longitudinal chamber within the body, the first end of the body defining a first ~~an~~ opening having a first diameter that is slightly larger than a width of a fish and enables the ~~to enable~~ fish to enter the chamber and to be removed from the chamber, the chamber is of a sufficient length so that at least a substantial portion of the length of the fish is in the chamber, and the second end of the body having a fixed ~~solid~~ end wall defining a single, second opening having a second diameter that is less than the first diameter and less than the width of the fish ~~formed~~ to prevent the fish from exiting or being removed from the second end of the body.

Claim 11 (Cancelled)

Claim 12 (Cancelled)

Claim 13 (Currently amended): A handheld fish catching device ~~for catching a fish~~ comprising a handle and a unitary body non-movably connected to the handle along an outer surface thereof, the body having a solid side wall, a first end and a second end wherein the first end defines a first ~~an~~ opening having a first diameter that is slightly larger than a width of a fish and ~~which~~ enables the fish to swim through the first opening and into the body without bait and to be removed from the body and wherein the

second end includes a fixed~~, solid~~ end wall defining a single, second opening having a second diameter that is less than the first diameter and less than the width of the fish to prevent ~~that prevents~~ the fish from exiting or being removed from the second end of the body.

Claim 14 (Currently amended): The fish catching device according to claim 13 wherein the body is semi- rigid.

Claim 15 (Currently amended): The fish catching device according to claim 13 wherein the body is opaque.

Claim 16 (Currently amended): The fish catching device according to claim 13 wherein the handle is semi-rigid.

Claim 17 (Currently amended): The fish catching device according to claim 13 wherein the body is a tube.

Claim 18 (Cancelled)

Claim 19 (Cancelled)

Claim 20 (Currently amended): A handheld, baitfish catching device ~~for catching baitfish~~ comprising:

a handle;

a body of unitary construction connected to the handle and defining an interior chamber, the body including a solid side wall, a first end and an opposing second end, the first end defining a first ~~an~~ opening having a first diameter that is slightly larger than a width of a baitfish and the second end including a fixed, ~~solid~~ end wall, defining a single, second opening having a second diameter that is less than the first diameter and less than the size of the baitfish, the body being non-rotatable with respect to the handle;

wherein the first opening defined by the first end enables the a baitfish to enter the chamber and to be removed from the chamber by a user, and

wherein the second opening on the fixed, ~~solid~~ end wall of the second end prevents the baitfish from exiting or being removed from the chamber by the user.

Claim 21 (Currently amended): The baitfish catching device of claim 20, wherein the body defines at least one additional opening.

Claim 22 (Currently amended): The baitfish catching device of claim 20, wherein the body is cylindrical.